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SUBJ: TAPLINE: PRIMIN ANNOUNCES VISIT TO RIYADH

REF: BEIRUT 5297

1. BEIRUT PRESS TODAY QUOTED PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING HE WILL VISIT RIYADH THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS TAPLINE PROBLEM WITH UNNAMED SAG OFFICIALS. PRESS INDICATES TALKS WILL COVER CONTINUATION CRUDE SUPPLIES, CRUDE PRICE AND, POSSIBLY, LONG-PROPOSED "THIRD REFINERY" (A DORMANT JOINT SAUDI-LEBANON VENTURE STALLED MOST RECENTLY BY FADING SAUDI INTEREST; IF EVER REALIZED IT PROBABLY WOULD TAKE FROM OF EXPANSION OF ONE OF TWO EXISTING REFINERIES).

2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, FOLLOWING MASS AUDIENCE LAST
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WEEK OF BEIRUT JOURNALISTS WITH SAUDI KING KHALED, SOME

BEIRUT PAPERS QUOTED KING AS SAYING HE HAS ORDERED
TAPLINE TO RESUME PUMPING OIL TO SIDON. FOLLOWING
FINELY-WORDED TAPLINE STATEMENT YESTERDAY, PRESS
SAID TAPLINE "CONFIRMED" KING'S ORDER.

3. QUERIED, TAPLINE BEIRUT STATES THAT ONLY SAG ORDER
RECEIVED TO DATE IS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ZERKA
(JORDAN REFINERY) AND MEDRECO WITH CRUDE PENDING
NEGOTIATION OF PROBLEM. AS IS KNOWN, TAPLINE HAS
INCREASED ZERKA DELIVERIES TO FULL DAILY NEEDS (TAP-
LINE SAYS ZERKA OCCASIONALLY TAKES LESS THAN FULL
ALLOTMENT)AND CONTINUES SUPPLY MEDRECO FROM TAPLINE
STORAGE, NOW PRESUMABLY DOWN TO 3-4 MONTHS SUPPLY.
NO FLOW PAST JORDAN. TAPLINE POSITION IS THAT BOTH
MEASURES "TEMPORARY". CLOSE READING OF PRESS REPORTS
OF TAPLINE STATEMENT REVEALS THAT TAPLINE SPEAKS OF
CONTINUED "DELIVERIES" BUT NOT, AS PRESS ASSUMES,
RESUMED "PUMPING".
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